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AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 3, 7, 12, 17 and 19. Please amend the below identified claims as follows.

1. (three times amended) A process for evaluating the strength of a specific intellectual property for purposes of commercializing it comprising the steps of:

a) performing at least one set of pre-selected tasks selected from the group consisting of technical orientation, technical review, preliminary assessment, patent study, market identification and analysis, industry intelligence, cost benefit analysis, marketing and licensing assessment.

b)[a)] interacting with a computer;

c)[b)] entering data from one or more sources including from a completed set of said pre-selected tasks and from a questionnaire [completed by the owner of the intellectual property,] into said computer, said computer having been pre-programmed such that said data is organized by one or more predetermined risk factors grouped into categories;

d)[c)] evaluating the data by comparing each risk factor and each category to a preset standard;

e)[d)] computing a score by transforming said data into a composite score which represents a relative degree of strength associated with any undertaking to commercialize said intellectual property.[.]

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